

April 15, 1975

SENATOR SAVAGE: Motion to adopt the amendment to LB 198A.  
Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, before I speak I wish to address Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh, what I have to say here in no way has anything to do in opposition to your A bill. I merely want to state a few matters here in regard to this funding that I think everyone in this Legislature should know. The increase here, or rather the amount of money in this legislative bill merely adds to the amount of money which is appropriated for the taking care of the benefits. Please understand that this is an estimate. This is what we call in the insurance business a reserve fund to pay those incurring losses. What I'm saying here is that it is my fond hope, and I would certainly find no fault in addressing ourselves to putting the proper amount or more in this fund than is necessary to use. The reason for this is we should not, and by all reason, run out of funds. These are estimated amounts because no one knows what the injuries might be during the course of the coming year. Now the peculiar part of this funding is the way that it is brought in. I think everyone should know this. In the 1974 - '75, \$252,792.00 was appropriated by the general fund. There was \$300,000.00 that was in there from cash funds, of which \$205,000.00 came from the Highway Department, \$81,000.00 from the University of Nebraska, and \$14,000.00 from public institutions. Now supposedly this goes to the Claims . . . and I presume it does, to the Claims Board. What happens here is all these are paid out of this. I haven't been able, yet, to find out out of whose funds. Now I think some corrective measures should be taken in this situation so that the departments who put in the cash funds from their departments that they don't use-that money for that particular department should get the money back. I'm concerned about the entire matter because I think it all should come from the general fund so we know where it comes from and how much it is. But my plea at the moment is don't short the fund, because of the fact that this is merely a reserve and we want to be sure that everyone gets paid. I'm sure you understand what my thought is, Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Is there any further discussion? Senator Stull.

SENATOR STULL: Mr. President, I move that 198A, as amended, . . . oh. I move the adoption of the E & R amendments to . . . oh.

SENATOR SAVAGE: If there's no further discussion, the motion by Senator Cavanaugh is to adopt his amendment. All those in favor . . . is it machine vote? All those in favor signify by saying aye. Machine vote, I'm sorry. Have you all voted. Savage aye.

CLERK: Senator Savage voting aye.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on motion to adopt.